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# UPFRONT

## Friends of Roselawn close in on goal

ALLAN BENNER  
Postmedia Network

After nearly a year of fundraising, Friends of Roselawn Centre is close to having enough money to start work on the historic building in Port Colborne.

Last week Showboat Festival Theatre announced a \$5,000 donation to the organization's capital campaign, bringing the team of Port Colborne residents which has been raising funds for building repairs to within a few thousand dollars of its goal.

"It's fantastic. That is incredible," said Friends of Roselawn executive secretary Arlene Lessard.

The group launched a fundraising campaign last May in the hope of raising \$25,000. They hoped that would be enough to cover a new roof, new third-floor walls and ceilings, and repair exterior brickwork.

Two donations of \$2,500 each brings the total raised so far to \$21,400.

"We're really close to it," Lessard said, referring to the fundraising goal. "We're almost there."

Showboat's offices had been located at Roselawn Centre for many years before partnering with Port Dover's Lighthouse Festival Theatre in 2013 and moving its offices there.

Despite the move, the theatre group's publicist, Nicole Campbell, said Showboat continues "to have a presence in Port Colborne as well, and hopefully more of a presence in coming years."

Showboat's treasurer and president, James Brennan,



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Friends of Roselawn executive secretary Arlene Lessard said the group is has nearly reached its fundraising goal for renovations to the historic building, thanks to a donation from Showboat theatre.

said the theatre group felt "it was only fitting that Showboat make a significant contribution to the capital campaign."

"I'm very happy that it is finally being given this recognition through the Friends of Roselawn Centre, this important capital campaign and, hopefully, in the city's forthcoming arts and culture master plan," he added in a media release.

Showboat also recently invested \$8,000 in new sound and communications equipment at the Port Colborne facility for a total donation of \$13,000.

"It is important for Showboat Theatre to be more than just a tenant at the Roselawn Centre," said artistic director Derek Ritschel. "We must be partners because when we are working as a team we can accomplish so much more

for the Showboat and Roselawn audiences."

Friends of Roselawn have organized a fundraising event called An Evening at Roselawn, taking place tonight, featuring a silent auction for artwork created by about 40 local artists.

Lessard said they're hoping to bring in at least the remaining \$3,600 during that event.

She said they're hoping work can begin soon after

wards.

"Everything of course is vetted through the city," she said, adding hiring contractors to complete the work would be up to city staff.

"We hope to talk to them about it, and see what happens and when."

Although the work to be done with the funding will preserve the building, full renovations are expected to cost about \$2 million.

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**Perfect Wedding, Aug. 10 to 14** – a comedy by Robin Hawdon, directed by Derek Ritschel

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"It's a large outlay of money for repairs, but we really think it's a valuable heritage home and we would rather have it, than let it go and turned into something else."

Campbell said Showboat has added four extra shows to the lineup at Roselawn, "because last year we had so many soldout performances."

The additional shows will make about 1,400 more seats available this season, and Campbell said advance tickets are already nearing last year's sales.

"We're already on a roll to being at what we sold last year," she said.

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## First time skating for many Dewitt Carter students

ALLAN BENNER  
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Many of Dewitt Carter's 250 students had never been on skates before, but it didn't stop them from enjoying a visit to Vale Centre.

The Port Colborne elementary school was selected to be part of PenFinancial Credit Union's Skates for Kids program this year, which ended with a skating party last Thursday.

"This is wonderful," said Ashley Collee, who brought her children Austin and Logan to the arena for the event.

Her children are in junior and senior kindergarten and had likely never worn skates before. She said the family had tried to enrol the children in a skating program in the past, but they weren't interested at the time. Their big smiles last Thursday, however, made it clear that they were very interested in joining their classmates on the ice during the skating party organized by the credit union.

Collee said the students are "very lucky and fortunate that PenFinancial donated all these helmets and skates for them."

Dewitt Carter principal Todd Acaster said PenFinancial offered the school "a great opportunity" by selecting it for the Skates for Kids program.

"There's no way we could have done this without them — no way at all," he said.

The school's 250 students were divided up into three



FRANCO NEMAN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Students from Dewitt Carter Elementary School hit the ice at Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

groups, who each had a turn on the ice starting with kindergarten to Grade 2.

"They were all positive about it. I was pleasantly surprised about the response we had. You always worry when you're trying to organize something really big like this, but there was a fantastic turn-out," he said.

As the youngest students tentatively made their way onto the ice, Acaster said many of them had never gone

skating before.

"Even for the older groups, for a lot of them this will be the first time," he said. "I was talking to a Grade 6 student yesterday, and they said it would be their first time skating. It's a great opportunity."

Acaster said PenFinancial staff visited Dewitt Carter months ago, and got the students "all hyped up" about being selected as one of the two schools involved in this year's Skate For Kids program.

The credit union staff returned to the school to check skate sizes for all of the students, before delivering the equipment to the school which included the used skates and new helmets.

In addition to organizing the skating party, PenFinancial staff assisted during the event and served hot chocolate to the children.

"It was fantastic," Acaster said.

At the start of the new

school year in September, the skates will be handed down to the next group of students who will then be able to participate in regular events at the nearby arena.

Skates for Kids program coordinator Josh Juhke said the credit union doesn't forget schools that have benefited from the program in the past.

"The whole goal of the program is to create a sustainable skating program," he said. "We do what we can each year to

help all the schools, and then we try to get out to all their skate days, too."

Edith Cavell Public School in St. Catharines was also selected for the Skates for Kids program this year.

Since the program began in 2009, about 3,500 pairs of skates as well as more than 2,000 helmets have been donated to schools in Niagara.

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# Can You Live Even though You Die?

PASTOR MICHAEL WELLS

Faith and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches,  
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**C**an you live even though you die? Can you be dead even though you live? The answer to both questions is, "Yes."

You can live on this earth and still be "dead" in your trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Through baptism we Christians are joined to the Saviour, Jesus, so that we die in His death and we rise in His resurrection.

By means of His death He defeated death for us. On the cross He pulled it in and completely defeated it.

God tells us, "If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:10-11).

And again, you were "buried with [Jesus] in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses... He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which

was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:12-15).

Yes, in baptism you were joined to Christ Jesus as to His body, and in that body your sins were crucified on the cross in Him, and in that body you died to sin in Him, and in that body you were buried with Him, and in your own body you will be raised to everlasting life with Him.

"He must rise from the dead," and because He has joined you to Himself, you must rise from the dead as well.

God tells us straight up, "For if we have been united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, died no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:5-11).

Christ says that by faith in Him, you will be alive even though you may be dead and in the grave. And right now, in Christ, you are actually dead - dead to sin, truly repeating of your sins and believing in Christ for forgiveness - and at the same time, you are alive in Christ, joined to Him who dwells within you, who is the resurrection and the Life. Jesus has defeated death.

Death has no power over us because we have been baptized into Christ our Saviour and raised to life in Him by the forgiveness of our sins. He ups us out of death and brings us into the life and light of His kingdom, of His mercy and glory.

But I can't see it. Can you?

We are still in our sinful flesh in this sinful world. It's hard to see the life that is ours in Christ. The traditional Easter Sunrise service Gospel reading is from St. John, and in it we hear about Mary Magdalene who saw Jesus in the garden by the tomb, but didn't recognize Him. She even thought He might be the gardener. Jesus was standing right there in front of her and she didn't see Him.

Later that day He appeared to two disciples walking on the road to the town of Emmaus. He was walking right there with them, but they didn't recognize Him, not even when He was expounding the Scriptures to them.

The same kind of thing happened at your baptism. Jesus was standing right there

baptizing you, washing your sins away and clothing you with the pure robe of His righteousness.

He tells us plainly, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27).

But do you look down and see Jesus on you like a robe? No. Can you look into the waters and see Him? No. Can you listen to pure preaching and actually hear His voice, the same voice that the disciples heard? No. Can you look at the bread and wine and see them changed before your eyes into His flesh and blood? No.

Mary and the Emmaus disciples did not see Him, and neither do you. But they heard Him and so do you. Even though our physical eyes can't see the truth right in front of us (but they will when we are in heaven), yet we believe it because of God's Word and promise. We actually do see it with

the eyes of faith, and we actually hear Jesus with the ears of faith. The last verse of Luther's Small Catechism explains and comforts: "All that the mortal eye beholds is water as we pour it. Before the eye of faith it sees the power of Jesus' merit. For here it sees the crimson flood to all our sins bring healing; the wonders of His precious blood the love of God revealing, assuring His own pardon."

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Mental health heroes exist on Twitter

**T**here is something very odd and counter-intuitive about the social media world we've constructed around ourselves.

While we are able to connect to people just about anywhere on the planet with a click of a button, most of our social media connections are of the shallowest kind.

People use social media as a mask, often projecting some sort of ideal self to the world. Others use it to harass and attack, saying things they would never have the courage to utter to someone face-to-face. Most often, it is a world of constant marketing.

So what I am saying, in case this is a tad too subtle, is that I usually loathe social media platforms. I have to use them constantly for my job, which should convey the horror-like nature of my existence.

Twitter is perhaps the worst. A 140-character helpline where ideas go to die. It's a platform filled with millions of voices where a person can feel like the only soul alive.

My attitudes toward social media in general, and Twitter in particular, were both confirmed and shattered last Monday night by one of our desperate plight and apparent suicide attempt.



GRANT  
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Around 8 p.m. last week a Niagara Twitter user tagged me, Niagara Health System, the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association and a few others asking "Anyone know how to get this guy help?"

The guy in question, Tony, posted a series of tweets saying he was about to take his own life. He included photos of a noose hanging from a basement ceiling, and a selfie with the rope around his neck.

Twitter has a system to report any incidents of a person appearing in distress (which can be found here for future reference: support.twitter.com/articles/20170313), so I immediately filed a report. Unfortunately, by the time I had learned about it, the man's desperate tweets were two hours old.

I rummaged through his Twitter feed, look-

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ing for any indication where this man lives, but there was nothing obvious. Just a lot of tweets about mental health, his own struggle with depression and even a past suicide attempt. He's clearly had a hard time lately.

Depression had got the better of him and he felt there was no place else to turn other than Twitter.

"What I have learned about Twitter is it's great for self promotion; lousy for a single voice," Tony tweeted, along with the photo of his noose and the hashtag #stupidcliche.

His next message was an RIP to himself: "Emmentalhealth and suicide is not a trend. It's life and life is now on [sic] less person."

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I reached out to Twitter user @Dysminded, an Ottawa-area mental health activist who is plugged into this sort of thing. He already knew what was happening. Fortunately, he said, many people had reported it to Twitter and were trying to get help to Tony.

A Toronto-area Twitter user told me she had deduced the man was in the Pittsburgh area, and had called that city's police who had located an address and were dispatching officers. Another user, from the U.K., had seen the tweets and had called Interpol. There were others, no doubt, also reaching out to help.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Fido therapy real class act

KARENA WALTER  
Postmedia Network

Surrounded by a circle of Brock University students, Dory the Portuguese Water Dog flips over to have her tummy rubbed.

Student hands immediately reach out to pet the soft fur of the 18-month-old St. John Ambulance therapy dog.

Dory's lapping up the attention, but she's actually at work helping to de-stress students getting set for exams in the school's temporary "puppy room."

"I think it's just amazing. It was just the best stress reliever," said Katelyn Robinson, a third-year nursing student who spent a few minutes with Dory last Thursday.

She and fellow student Shanna Hunter popped into the room run by student health services for 10 minutes before heading off to work on a class project.

"I might come back

tomorrow," said Hunter.

"Petting the dogs just makes you smile. Forget about the work for a bit."

The university runs a puppy room for three days, twice a year, in the week leading up to exams.

In spring and fall, St. John Ambulance therapy dog volunteers bring their pets to a room on campus so students can spend some free, quality Fido time.

The idea was hatched by Brock student health services director Melodie Shick-Porter, who has dogs of her own.

Shick-Porter said the puppy room started six years ago to help students decrease their stress levels at a very stressful time. She said research has found that after being with a dog for only 15 minutes, student stress levels are down.

"They miss their own dogs and it's positive mental health," she said.

That's something Lori Thwaites, puppy room co-

ordinator with St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs, has seen first hand with Mecho, her Bernese Mountain Dog.

"You see the kids come in, they're jittery. They spend time with a dog and a weight's dropped off their shoulders," Thwaites said. "We'll say, 'How are you doing?' and they say, 'We're in heaven.'"

Student health services also offers other programs, tips and strategies for students to help manage stress.

But the popular puppy room, held during Brock's Wellness Week, attracts about 2,500 students over three days.

"Sometimes we have them out the door, it's that many," Thwaites said.

A 45-minute cutoff for visitors had to be imposed to accommodate the interest, unless it's an unusually slow time.

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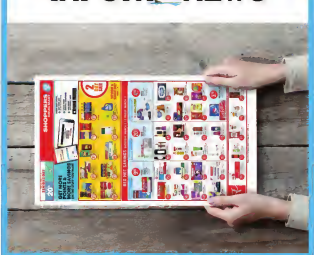
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Dory, an 18-month-old Portuguese Water Dog owned by John Nazar, gets some love from Brock students. Students are able to relieve a little stress in the puppy room at Brock University. St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs provide the service to the students as final exams bear down on the students.

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## Fido therapy real class act

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St. John Ambulance has 67 dog team volunteers in Niagara who visit seniors homes, community centres, hospitals and elementary schools, where they run a Paws 4 Stories program.

About 36 dog teams, like Dory and her owner John Nazar, take shifts at the university, making sure the puppy room is stocked with four to five dogs at a time. Volunteers put in 1,500 hours a year at Brock.

Twelves said volunteers can't wait to sign up and the dogs love it, too.

"As you can see, these kids come in and leaving smiling," said Mary Powell of St. Catharines, who brought three-year-old golden retriever Magen.

"She's my baby but when she brings smiles to other people, it makes you feel good."

Powell, evaluator for St. John's therapy dogs in north Niagara, said

therapy dogs must be non-aggressive and friendly and their handlers need to be able to control the dog. Volunteers go through an orientation, interview and evaluation with their dogs.

St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs just signed an agreement with Brock for visits for the next five years.

"I just like dogs. Being able to pet so many is great," said first-year drama student Tsiporah Shendroff after spending time with sheepdog Emmie last week.

"If you are stressed, it can calm you down. It takes your mind off it. It's a good study break."

She was back after visiting on Tuesday with fellow drama student Kristina Ojaperv.

"I have two dogs at home that I really miss," Ojaperv said. "They're so cute. I really adore this thing the university has done."

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# Convergys adding 400 jobs

**ALLAN BENNER**  
Postmedia Network

Convergys is doubling the workforce at its Welland call centre by adding 400 jobs.

Brooke Betting, spokeswoman for the Cincinnati-based company, said the jobs are part of the company's expansion into "blended sales and customer service roles" at a branch that has provided inbound customer support services for the telecommunications industry since it was founded 14 years ago.

Betting said the Welland location now employs 340 people.

Despite the significant increase in staff, Betting said she doesn't think a physical expansion of the call centre at the Lincoln Centre plaza will be necessary.

People interested in applying for the jobs can do so at [www.convergys.com/careers](http://www.convergys.com/careers).

In a news release, Lisa Serba, site director for the Welland location, said the company is recruiting "highly motivated individuals to handle inbound customer calls."

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# Tyler gives Welland fan 'best thing' ever

**JOHN LAW**  
Postmedia Network

When Welland's Anthony Yorlido tried to get Steven Tyler tickets earlier this year, he had to dream on. Both shows

at Fallsview Casino last week were sold out.

The huge Aerosmith fan, born with Down syndrome, figured he was out of luck, but things were about to get crazy. Late last Thursday afternoon, he and

his mom Diane walked into Niagara Medical Supplies Inc. on Montrose Road. A cocktail server at Fallsview casino, Diane was there to pick up some support pantyhose.

There was a limo out front, and when she walked through the door she thought she recognized the guy getting a back brace by the counter.

"I'm looking at him and I know his face, but I couldn't think of his name."

But Anthony did. "He goes 'Oh, my God! Steven Tyler, is that you?'"

In a flash he ran over to the rock legend to give him a hug. A thrilled Tyler hugged him back, then hugged and kissed Diane for good measure. He then asked if they were going to the show Thursday night.

Couldn't get tickets, she told him.

"He's like, 'Oh, don't worry about that, you guys are coming with me. I'll get you backstage passes.'"



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Welland's Anthony Yorlido got the thrill of a lifetime Thursday when he bumped into Steven Tyler at a Montrose Road store and given backstage passes for the rock legend's show at the Fallsview Casino. The huge Aerosmith fan was then brought on stage that night.

The problem? Diane had to work Thursday and couldn't go. So she made quick calls to her boyfriend and Anthony's dance instructor to go with him.

She had no idea Anthony's night was about to get even bigger.

As Tyler took the stage to *Sweet Emotion*, he shouted "Anthony's in the house!" and brought him

out to play the maracas.

"I was talking with people at work last night and they're like 'That was your son on stage?' (Tyler) told the band to lower their music and he had the microphone right on the maracas. He was like, 'Keep going, Anthony! Keep going!'"

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While this was happening, the pictures were being sent to a stunned Yorlido's cellphone while she was working. Just down the hall.

"I was dying! I'm like, are you kidding me? I can't be there? I was so upset."

She heard the whole story from Anthony, 24, Friday morning.

"He woke up this morning going 'Oh my God, mom.' He showed me the set list, he was crying. He was so excited. He said 'This is the best thing that ever happened to me in my life.'"

Tyler played the second of two sold out shows in Niagara Falls last week, performing Aerosmith classics and a few new songs with backing band *Living Mary*.

It's a visit Yorlido will never forget. If she wasn't a Tyler fan before, she's a huge one now.

And it all began with a chance visit to a medical supply store.

"He just happened to go in there," she says. "He says to Anthony, 'I didn't come in here to get a back brace, I came in here to meet my new buddy Anthony.' I was crying, that was so nice."



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Former Westlane Secondary School student Isaac Mitchell returned to his old high school on Wednesday with a message for today's students to not give up and to follow their dreams. One of Mitchell's dreams was to become a champion boxer, and after persevering he did that winning both provincial and national titles. He is currently pursuing another dream in the music industry.

## Balancing boxing, music and motivation

**ALISON LANGLEY**  
Postmedia Network

As a teenager walking the halls of Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls, Isaac Mitchell felt defeated.

"Growing up, I was told I'd never amount to anything and there was a time I started to believe that," he said.

He was raised in western New York and was affiliated with a gang by the time he was 11. His family relocated to Niagara Falls when he was a teen and, despite the change, Mitchell remained full of self-doubt and feelings of worthlessness and despair.

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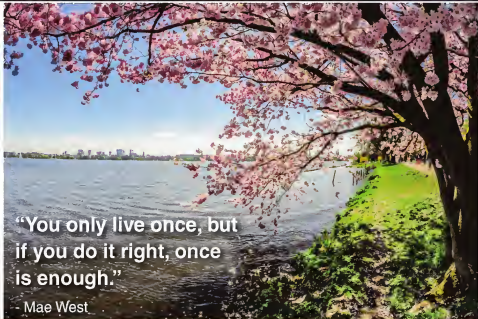
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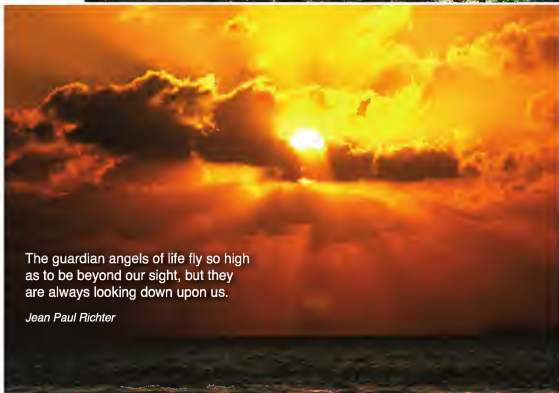
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## LOCAL NEWS

## Balancing boxing, music and motivation

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"It's like you're a ticking time bomb waiting to explode, and I didn't like myself very much," he recalled last Wednesday during a presentation at his former high school.

"To be honest, I didn't want to live at that time."

Mitchell knew he was the only one who could change his attitude on life. He knew he wanted to be a champion boxer, so he set goals for himself to achieve that dream.

He was terrified as he entered the ring for his first bout.

"I fought my heart out ... I lost my very first fight. I failed."

Undaunted he returned to the gym and soon began to make a name for himself in the ring.

He went on to win both provincial and national titles.

With one goal realized, he went to another passion: music.

Mitchell transformed himself and became hip hop artist II, or just Isaac. He released his first album in 2005 and has performed across Canada and the United States.

Today he balances both boxing and music and encourages young people to follow their dreams.

"It was very interesting to hear about what he's achieved in both boxing and music as they are really polar opposites," said Grade 12 student Nicholas Murray, 17.

Haleema Khan, 18, was also impressed by Mitchell's message.

"It was really empowering," the Grade 12 student said. "And it was really neat to listen to someone who was once part of the Westlane community share how far they've gone with their experiences here."

Classmate Kuda Charamba, also 18, agreed.

"For those who don't have a vision yet for what they want to

do in the future, he was pretty inspiring when he said there's options out there and you should keep pushing forward"

Mitchell told the students to have a vision and to work toward making that vision a reality.

"Everyone has unique potential within them," he said. "Believe it's going to happen. Make a plan and

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## NOTICE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE TO A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

**Project Name:** Niagara Region Wind Farm

**Renewable Energy Approval:** 4353-SHMP2R

**IESO Reference Number:** F-001580-WIN-130-601

**Project Location:** The Niagara Region Wind Farm (the "Project") is located within Haldimand County and Niagara Region (including the Townships of Wainfleet and West Lincoln and the Town of Lincoln). The electrical interconnection components are located within the Town of Lincoln and the Township of West Lincoln, in Niagara Region, and in Haldimand County in southern Ontario.

**Dated At:** Haldimand County and Niagara Region on this 6th day of April, 2016.

Niagara Region Wind Corporation ("NRWC") was issued a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) on November 6, 2014 in respect of the Niagara Region Wind Farm Project (the "Project"). Information with respect to the decision on this project can be viewed on the Environmental Registry by searching EBR #012-0613. An amendment to the existing approval for an administrative change to the Project was issued by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on November 23, 2015; to acknowledge the change in ownership of the Project from "Niagara Region Wind Corporation" to "FWRN LP, as FWRN LP has purchased the Project (EBR #012-5532).

FWRN LP is proposing to make changes to the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act of Ontario (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). In accordance with Section 16.0.1 of the Regulation this notice is being distributed to make the public aware of proposed changes to the project.

## Project Description and Proposed Change

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the REA was issued, is considered to be a Class 4 Wind Facility. An application has been made to the MOECC to change the project and alter the terms and conditions of the existing REA. The proposed change consists of project design changes to the REA Application and includes:

1. Meteorological (MET) Towers: the installation of three (3) new MET towers to monitor wind speed, wind direction, and other atmospheric parameters, in order to satisfy Independent Electricity System Operator telemetry and forecasting requirements; and,
2. Transmission Line: the addition of an alternate transmission route to avoid pole placement along the Hwy 3 Ministry of Transportation (MTO) right of way to address recent comments received from the MTO.

## Documents for Public Inspection

FWRN LP has developed a Modification Document which summarizes the proposed change. A written copy of the Modification Document is currently available for public inspection on the project website (<http://www.nrwf.ca/projectdocuments/>). Copies of the final REA documents also remain available on the project website.

## Project Contacts and Information:

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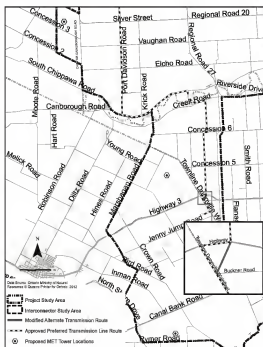
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